

Random Notes

In the November 18th issue of the Free Press Weekly, the following letter addressed to the editor appeared—

"Sir,
The close of World War I, thousands of our countrymen, Germans, Turks, Austrians, Bulgars, etc., have settled in Canada and now at 70 years of age, they are drawing Canadian old age pensions, while we Canadians disabled in that war are harassed, just because we got a war disability certificate. It is less than the old age pension.
The means test deprives us of our civil rights. Why?"

Tom L. Paulson,
Rochford Bridge,
Alberta.

A similar letter from the same correspondent, although in an extended form, appears in the People's Weekly. Here, the writer addresses his question to the Hon. M. P. C. G. L. Olen, in reference to those of Edmonton and of his own constituency, Jasper-Edson.

The committee of the House of Commons has been studying the Old Age Pension Act, and the question of abolishing the means test in one of the subjects under review. It is possible that the gentleman mentioned would prefer to await the recommendations of that committee before making any reply to the question.

In Great Britain, the means test and treatment of veterans came before the courts several years ago. The Old Age Pension department in that country refused to grant the then prevailing pension (ten shillings weekly) on the ground that the applicant was already receiving a pension of ten shillings weekly on account of a permanent partial war disability.

The learned judge was particularly severe in his criticism of the argument put forward by the department. In his scathing remarks in favor of the applicant he pointed out, that here was a man who volunteered to fight in his country's war while others stayed home and made large sums of money, who because he received a mere pittance for wounds suffered in that service, was to be debared from receiving what was his due, since for years he had lived on the unemployment insurance fund.

It is to be noted, however, that the reference to contributions to the unemployment insurance fund may have been a decisive factor in the case. At that time, the Act was carrying out the provisions of Mr. Lloyd George's budget of 1911—that "rare and refreshing fruit, 9d. for 4d."—which included among other benefits, the privilege for all contributors to claim the old age pension at the age of 65, as against the 70 years required by non-contributors.

No such privilege is contained in Canada's Unemployment Insurance Act, while the Old Age Pension Act specifically states that "Old Age Pensions and Pensions for the Blind are not paid concurrently, or together with an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946". Presumably, the department concerned carry out the laws as laid down by parliament. Consequently, the correspondent will obtain no redress for his complaint until the means test is abolished, which seems unlikely in the present—or an amendment in favor of such veterans is submitted to the government and passed by the House of Commons at Ottawa.

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Division 3—C. L. Olen, at Cummings Hall, Morris; S. V. Cameron, at Starland School.

Division 1—L. W. Battle and M. G. Taylor.

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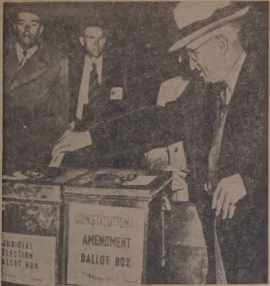
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OFF TO THE KOREA FIGHTING—Group of the Finest Falls, the first Canadian regiment scheduled to join the U.N. fighting forces in Korea is shown in Toronto's Union Station waving goodbye to relatives.



ALL IT NEEDS IS A MOTOR—The U.S. navy's newest underwater motion picture camera, the 35 mm. Rolaf Aquaflex, is pictured being demonstrated by a navy cameraman at the Anacostia, D.C., naval air station. The 100-pound camera has the buoyancy of a submarine, capable of being adjusted to positive, negative and neutral buoyancy. The tank is fitted with vertical fins and wings enabling the diver-cameraman who carries his own air supply to swim with the underwater camera.



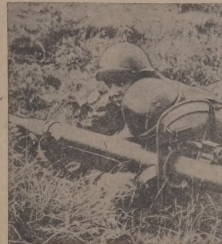
HE VOTED DEMOCRATIC TICKET—President Truman is shown as he went to the polls in his hometown of Independence, Mo., to cast a straight Democratic ballot. —Central Press Canadian.



IT'S A PRIZE WINNER—Judge in a "popular photography" contest in the U.S. had no trouble deciding on the photo. It was taken by a Cincinnati, Ohio, father, with his baby daughter as model. There were 35,000 entries in the contest. —Central Press Canadian.



FINDS INTERNATIONAL UNITY AMONG NATO CADETS—Gen. Charles Leclerc, chief of staff of the French air force, visited the R.C.A.F. station at Cetraria, Ont., talked to several of the French airmen in training there. He found the French cadets working in harmony with others from Italy, Norway, Belgium and Holland under the North Atlantic Treaty organization. —Central Press Canadian.



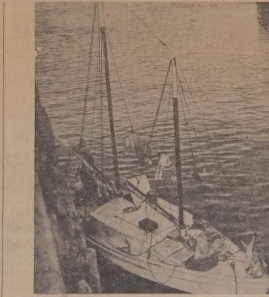
FRENCH DEVELOPER NEW-STYLE RAZORRA—Two French soldiers demonstrate a light anti-tank weapon, designed to be used by a single man, during a demonstration of new weapons by troops of Western Union countries at the American Forces Headquarters, England. The gun can be loaded by one man or a team of a driver and a loader. —Central Press Canadian.



HUMANITY IS THEIR PROBLEM—While the U.N. assembly busies itself with the urgent problems of war, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Mrs. D. R. Sinclair, assistant to the deputy minister of welfare in Canada, discuss the humanitarian aspects of the United Nations. They are both delegates to the U.N.'s Third Social, Humanitarian and Cultural committee.



URGED TO STAY—The Dalai Lama, 18-year-old spiritual head of Tibet, is being urged by his adherents to remain as nominal leader in Lhasa, where the Chinese Communists arrive. Latest reports are that the Tibetan forces are retreating without a fight and that Lhasa, the capital, would soon be in Chinese control. —Central Press Canadian.



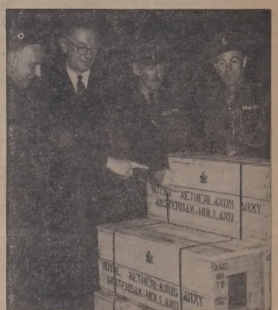
CONTINUE 15-YEAR TREASURE HUNT—A second start on a treasure hunt that began 15 years ago is being made by R.C.A.F. veteran Harry Rice and Ron Scott. In this small ship, shown in St. John, N.B., they will search for treasure in the Caribbean following directions on a map found by Harry Rice's father in 1933. The original expedition, organized 15 years ago by Rice, Sr., ended when his ship almost foundered in a storm. —Central Press Canadian.



WIDOW IS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY IN ASSASSINATION—Located by New York police after she had vanished from her hotel, Mrs. Quisno Toranzo, 22, widow of the Puerto Rican Nationalist gunman killed during assassination attempt on President Truman, arrived at the Federal building for questioning. She is charged with being a co-conspirator, as was Mrs. Rosa Collazo, whose suspected husband is being held for murder of a White House policeman.



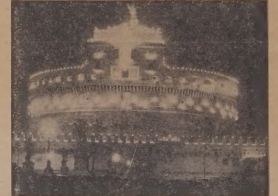
LOTS OF FUN FOR WHO?—The above picture shows that even adults get a lot of enjoyment watching faces with mine. This sport is enjoyed these days by school children, especially just after the first fall of snow.



MILITARY EQUIPMENT GOES TO HOLLAND—Military supplies made in Canada and destined for the Netherlands, are examined by W. Pichens-Andreas, secretary of state for war of the Netherlands, at the Central Ordnance Depot at Lougue Point, near Montreal. The equipment is shipped according to the terms of the North Atlantic pact. Defense Minister Chretien is shown centre. —Central Press Canadian.



AFTER A FIVE-YEAR INTERVAL—For the first time in five years, monks is celebrated in the Benedictine monastery, in Witten, North Korea, by Chaplain Urban Worm of the U.S. 37th corps. During these years when the Reds were in control, the monks of the monastery were "removed" one by one. Only four remain of the 38 originally in the abbey. "We have been able to find out what became of them." —Central Press Canadian.



ROME ASSUMES CARNIVAL APPEARANCE—Glowing like a giant birthday cake in the early of St. Agatha in Rome. It is lighted for the Holy Year climax of the proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption by Pope Pius. —Central Press Canadian.



SAFE STOPOVER FOR TRAVELLERS—Annual migration of ducks and geese from Canada's northland is at its peak. Thousands of migratory birds alight daily at the Jack Miner bird sanctuary at Kingsville, Ont., are fed and take to the air for the long trip south. Here Manley Miner feeds a group of more geese, mallards, white tundra geese with a few robins and sparrows pushing their way among the invited guests.



WHEN A NAPALM BOMB EXPLODES—The captured tank and sled by napalm fire bombs in North Korea in a test by the Fifth Air Force of the highly-dreaded munition. Upon ignition the bomb burst at approximately 1,000 degrees heat and usually devastates the area covered by it.

